***Entrepreneurs and Bankers: The Evolution of Corporate Empires***

**Task: On Monday 4/4 we will have a graded socratic seminar on the the article** *Entrepreneurs and Bankers: The Evolution of Corporate Empires.* Complete the below two tasks to prepare.

1. Write two questions about the reading that you can ask your classmates. Make sure that your questions are thought-provoking and not just basic comprehension.

**Example:**

Basic Comprehension (What you do NOT want) “Who were the “Big Four?” Avoid using verbs such as **identify, define and list**

Thought- Provoking Questions (What you DO want) “Explain how the transportation revolution transformed America?” - Use verbs like **Summarize, predict, argue, conclude, compare, explain and evaluate** to write questions.

2. Two perspectives that are argued about the corporate giants that industrialized/modernized America:

“Some point out that many corporate empire builders of the late nineteenth century were unscrupulous, greedy, exploitative, and antisocial, and that some of them bribed public officials to get what they wanted. “

**OR**

“We need to understand, too, that, in the process of building their individual empires and accumulating vast personal wealth, these entrepreneurs made the United States the most powerful nation in the world by the beginning of the twentieth century.”

Which of these perspectives do you feel best characterizes the men described in the article? Describe your response.